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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS 973

TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR (RENOUF) INQUIRED TODAY AS TO OUR THINKING AS TO PRESENCE OF TCC'S AT EVENTUAL SIGNING OF PEACE ACCORD AND IN GENERAL CONFERENCE. I SAID IT WAS TOO SOON FOR SUCH MATTERS TO BE DECIDED, BUT I FELT SURE THAT USG HAD TCC'S VERY MUCH IN MIND AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM. RENOUF SAID HE WAS NOT QUESTIONING ME UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THIS WAS NATURALLY QUESTION WHICH AROSE IN AUSTRALIA AND ELSEWHERE IN FAR EAST. HE ADDED THAT BECAUSE OF TCC DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM WAR, THEY WOULD HAVE CLAIM TO BE PRESENT ON IMPORTANT OCCASIONS. I REPEATED THAT I FELT SURE WE WERE NOT OVERLOOKING MATTER.

2. DESPITE HIS DISCLAIMER OF OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS, IT SEEMS QUITE CLEAR THAT AUSTRALIANS (AND PROBABLY OTHERS) WILL PROBABLY MAKE THEIR FEELINGS KNOWN IF PEACE EFFORTS PROGRESS.

3. WARM REGARDS.

AMBASSADOR PORTER

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State Dept. review completed

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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